

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

January 10, 2019, DNR Auditorium

1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

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REVISED January 8, 2019

Thursday, January 10, 2019

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– Kirk Woodward, Chairman | ACTION |
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– Kent Hersey, Big Game Projects Coordinator | ACTION |
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– Kent Hersey, Big Game Projects Coordinator | ACTION |
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| 10. North Peaks CWMU Variance Request
- Michael Wardle, Private Lands, Public Wildlife Coordinator | ACTION |
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- Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
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- Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator | ACTION |
| 13. Wildlife Board Stipulations
- Greg Hansen, Asst. Attorney General | ACTION |
| 14. Antelope Island Bighorn Sheep Hunt Closure
- Jace Taylor, Statewide Bighorn Sheep Biologist | ACTION |
| 15. Other Business
- Kirk Woodward, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

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Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.

2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the November 29, 2018 Wildlife Board Meeting.

3) 2019 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we reject the Division's proposal for a written rigging rule and request the committee revisit the rule and provide a revision the following year.

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log that the Division reconvene the working group to explore better solutions on the spring hunt, number of hounds in the field, and non-resident permit challenge.

Book Cliffs discussion.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's recommendation to increase the permit numbers on the Book Cliffs.

Chairman Woodward commented that the motion on the Book Cliffs might not be necessary.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed 5 to 1. Kevin Albrecht opposed.

MOTION: I move that we maintain the same permit numbers on the Beaver unit as last year.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed

unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the 2019 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.

In the final motion to accept the remainder of the recommendations, Chairman Woodward noted that the motion on the Book Cliffs is void.

4) Pronghorn Unit Plans

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed 5 to 1. Karl Hirst opposed.

MOTION: I move that we keep the objective for the La Sal/South Cisco unit at 375.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the balance of the Pronghorn Unit Plans as presented by the Division.

5) Moose Unit Plans (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Moose Unit Plans as presented.

6) CHA Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the CHA Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.

7) Sage-Grouse Translocation Proposal (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously. Kevin Albrecht left prior to the vote and was excused for the rest of the meeting.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Sage-Grouse Translocation Proposal as presented by the Division.

8) North Peaks CWMU Variance Request (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the change request for North Peaks CWMU for one extra bull tag.

9) CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the appointment of Eric Thacker for the term through 2021.

10) Prohibited Species Variance Request

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the variance request for Cliff Sackett to possess tilapia.

11) Wildlife Board Stipulations

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed 4 to 1. Donnie Hunter dissented.

MOTION: I move that we approve the license suspension reduction for Michael L. Musselman as presented by counsel.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve counsel's recommendation for suspension reduction for both Curg Belcher and Allan Belcher.

12) Antelope Island Bighorn Sheep Hunt Closure

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the cancellation of the two allotted tags for Antelope Island Bighorn Sheep as presented by the Division.

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Attendance

Wildlife Board

Kirk Woodward – Chair	Kevin Albrecht
Byron Bateman – Vice-Chair	Calvin Crandall
Mike Fowlks – Exec Secretary	Steve Dalton
	Karl Hirst
	Donnie Hunter

RAC Chairs

Central – Kris Marble
Southern – Dave Black
Southeastern – Trisha Hedin
Northeastern – Randy Dearth
Northern – Bryce Thurgood

Division Personnel

Rory Reynolds	Mike Christensen	Teresa Griffin	Kent Hersey
Ashley Green	Paul Gedge	Dax Mangus	Avery Cook
Mike Canning	Staci Coons	Riley Peck	Mike Wardle
Kevin Bunnell	Thu Vo-Wood	Guy Wallace	Darren Debloois
Boyde Blackwell	Greg Hansen	Randy Wood	Jace Taylor
Jason Vernon	Marty Bushman	Matt Briggs	Adam Wallerstein
Chris Wood	Mark Hadley	Wyatt Bubak	
Justin Dolling	Lindy Varney	Scott Dalebout	
Robin Cahoon	Brad Crompton	Dave Beveridge	
Rick Olson	Jason Robinson	Bruce Johnson	
Justin Shannon		Paul Washburn	
Drew Cushing		Ben Wolford	
		Torrey Christophersen	

Public Present

Bryce Pilling	Jason Binder	DC Dew
Bret Selman	Ken Strong	Gary Webb – North Peaks CWMU
Guy Webster – UHA	Jeff Christensen	Ben Lowder – UT Archery Association
Aaron Johnson – UHA	Kathleen Dalton	Troy Justensen – SFW
Kevin Kelerman	Dee Young	Troy Forrest – UT Dept. of Agriculture
	Sierra Nelson	Brian Bitner – UT Woolgrowers Association

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- 00:00:35** Chairman Woodward called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, and reviewed the meeting process. Board members introduced themselves.
- 00:02:53** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**
The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Karl Hirt and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.
- 00:03:15** **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**
The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the November 29, 2018 Wildlife Board Meeting.
- 00:03:50** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**
Jace Taylor updated the Board on the progress of the Bighorn Sheep MOU and protocol for lethal removal of wild sheep.
- 00:08:24** **4) DWR Update (Informational)**
Kevin Albrecht summarized his attendance at the winter Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies conference in Tucson, Arizona.
Mike Fowlks updated the board about sheep disease on Antelope Island, big game capture, bison permit issues, fall hunt investigations, Pelican Lake treatment, stripe bass transfer from Lake Powell to Springville, board member application timelines, RAC nominations, and endangered species brochure.
- 00:17:47** **5) 2019 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments (Action)**
Darren DeBloois presented the recommendations and rule amendments.
- 00:49:17** **Board/RAC Questions**
The board asked for clarification on changes made by the working group, permit reduction on the Beaver unit, and the three-year harvest plan.
- 00:57:04** **Public Questions**
Chairman Woodward explained the meeting procedure for public questions and comments.
- 00:58:21** Public questions were accepted at this time.

01:17:34 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the recommendations and rule amendments with varying dissent and provisions, namely excluding the rigging rule and adjusting permit numbers for the Book Cliffs.

01:26:53 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

01:41:23 Board Discussion

Chairman Woodward summarized the RAC motions and opened the discussion on the three-year rule and Bitter Creek/South permit increase.

01:56:05

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we reject the Division's proposal for a written rigging rule and request the committee revisit the rule and provide a revision the following year.

02:00:11

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log that the Division reconvene the working group to explore better solutions on the spring hunt, number of hounds in the field, and non-resident permit challenge.

02:01:58

Book Cliffs discussion.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's recommendation to increase the permit numbers on the Book Cliffs.

Chairman Woodward commented that the motion on the Book Cliffs might not be necessary.

02:12:10

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed 5 to 1. Kevin Albrecht opposed.

MOTION: I move that we maintain the same permit numbers on the Beaver unit as last year.

02:13:28

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the 2019 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.

In the final motion to accept the remainder of the recommendations, Chairman Woodward noted that the motion on the Book Cliffs is void.

02:22:06 6) Pronghorn Unit Plans (Action)

Kent Hersey presented the unit plans.

02:28:15 Board/RAC Questions

The board asked about the Cisco unit population, depredation, and water sources.

02:34:28 Public Questions

Public questions were accepted at this time.

02:35:52 RAC Recommendations

Northern and Central RACs unanimously passed the pronghorn unit plans. Southern RAC passed with two opposed. Southeast and Northeast also passed the unit plans with adjustments to the La Sal/South Cisco unit.

02:38:06 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

02:47:08 Board Discussion

Chairman Woodward summarized the RAC recommendations and discussed the La Sal/South Cisco unit.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed 5 to 1. Karl Hirst opposed.

MOTION: I move that we keep the objective for the La Sal/South Cisco unit at 375.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the balance of the Pronghorn Unit Plans as presented by the Division.

02:55:18 7) Moose Unit Plans (Action)

Kent Hersey presented the unit plans.

02:59:10 Board/RAC Questions

The board asked about the number of moose transplanted and frequency of aerial flights.

03:06:30 RAC Recommendations

All RACs unanimously passed the moose unit plans.

03:06:42 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

03:07:26 Board Discussion

The following motion was made Byron Bateman, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Moose Unit Plans as presented.

03:09:00 LUNCH BREAK

03:59:39 8) CHA Rule Amendments (Action)

Avery Cook presented the rule amendments.

04:10:50 RAC Recommendations

All RACs, except Southern, unanimously passed the rule amendments. They had one dissent.

04:11:25 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the CHA Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.

04:11:52 9) Sage-Grouse Translocation Proposal (Action)

Avery Cook presented the translocation proposal.

04:17:15 Board/RAC Questions

The board asked for clarification on habitat work and predation.

04:19:50 RAC Recommendations

All RACs unanimously approved the proposal.

04:20:01 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously. Kevin Albrecht left prior to the vote and was excused for the rest of the meeting.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Sage-Grouse Translocation Proposal as presented by the Division.

04:20:34 10) North Peaks CWMU Variance Request (Action)

Mike Wardle presented the change application request for one extra bull tag.

04:23:00 Board Discussion

The board asked for clarification on the missed deadline and reasoning behind the action.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the change request for North Peaks CWMU for one extra bull tag.

04:32:11 11) CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments (Action)

Justin Shannon presented the appointments.

04:33:48 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the appointment of Eric Thacker for the term through 2021.

04:34:27 12) Prohibited Species Variance Request (Action)

Staci Coons presented the request.

04:36:21 Board Discussion

The board asked about stock vendor/location, facility location and setup.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the variance request for Cliff Sackett to possess tilapia.

04:38:12 13) Wildlife Board Stipulations (Action)

Greg Hansen presented the stipulation for Michael L. Musselman.

04:40:58 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed 4 to 1. Donnie Hunter dissented.

MOTION: I move that we approve the license suspension reduction for Michael L. Musselman as presented by counsel.

04:48:42 Counsel presented the stipulations for two individual cases: Curg Belcher and Allan Belcher.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve counsel's recommendation for suspension reduction for both Curg Belcher and Allan Belcher.

04:53:05 14) Antelope Island Bighorn Sheep Hunt Closure (Action)

Jace Taylor presented the hunt closure.

04:57:52 Board/RAC Questions

The board asked about the origin of the pathogen, sheep permits, next steps, quarantine period.

05:05:28 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

05:05:42 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the cancellation of the two allotted tags for Antelope Island Bighorn Sheep as presented by the Division.

05:06:24 The Board asked about and discussed preventative measures.

05:11:36 **15) Other Business** (Contingent)

None.

05:11:40 Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED